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SUBJECT: RESTRAINTS ON EXPORTS OF SHORT SUPPLY ITEMS

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1. GOF IS CURRENTLY RESTRAINING EXPORTS OF REFINED PETROLEUM PRODUCTS DUE TO SHORT SUPPLY SITUATION IN FRANCE. GOF EXPORT LICENSING SYSTEM HAS BEEN IN EXISTENCE FOR MANY YEARS BUT GRANTING OF LICENSES HAS BEEN ALMOST AUTOMATIC IN PAST. SINCE OIL EMBARGO LAST AUTUMN, HOWEVER, GOF HAS BEEN DISCOURAGING ANY EXPORTS BEYOND NORMAL LEVEL OF EXPORTS TO TRADITIONAL PURCHASERS. IN MOST CASES, WE UNDERSTAND ,GOF HAS NOT REFUSED EXPORT LICENSES OUTRIGHT BUT INSTEAD HAS IMPOSED DELAYS, FOUND CUSTOMERS WITHIN FRANCE, OR OTHERWISE LIMITED EXPORT. WE KNOW OF NO OTHER BASIC INDUSTRIAL MATERIAL UNDER EXPORT RESTRAINT.

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2. REGARDING AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS, WE KNOW OF NONE THAT

ARE BEING RESTRANED FROM EXPORT BY GOF FOR REASONS OF
SHORT SUPPLY. HOWEVER, THERE ARE SEVERAL COMMODITIES
PRODUCED IN FRANCE WHICH ARE LIMITED FOR EXPORT BY EC
COMMON AGRICULTURAL POLICY MECHANISM (EXPORT TAXES).
AMONG THESE PRODUCTS ARE WHEAT, RICE, OLIVE OIL, AND SUGAR.

3. IN GENERAL GOF CAN BE SAID TO BE ACTIVELY PROMOTING
EXPORTS.IRWIN

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